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SUBJECT : REACTION TO BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW

1. DURING CONGRESSMAN SPENCE'S JANUARY 8 CALL BAHRAIN AMIR REMARKED IN PASSING ON TIRESOME AND HARMFUL PRESS PREOCCUPATION WITH RUMORS U.S. CONSIDERING USE OF FORCE AGAINST OIL PRODUCERS. HE INDICATED BAHRAIN'S FULL CONFIDENCE THAT U.S. INTENTIONS PEACEFUL AND COOPERATIVE. DURING SUBSEQUENT LUNCHEON WITH MINISTERS OF INFORMATION AND CABINET AFFAIRS BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW CAME UP. THEY WERE PERSUADED SECRETARY HAD CLEARLY RULED OUT POSSIBILITY OF RESORT TO FORCE TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC ASPECTS OIL PROBLEM, SUCH AS PRICE QUESTION. THEY ALSO APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND WESTERN CONSIDERATION OF RESORT TO FORCE COULD NOT BE RULED OUT IN HYPOTHETICAL CASE OF ACT OF ECONOMIC WARFARE BY PRODUCERS, SUCH AS EMBARGO THREATENING TO STRANGLE WESTERN ECONOMIES.

2. PREVIOUS EVENING BRITISH CONSERVATIVE M-P'S MCNAIR-WILSON AND LUCE, JUST IN FROM QATAR, WERE FULL OF BUSINESS WEEK

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ISSUE, ASKING WHY SECRETARY HAD RAISED HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION

WHICH MIGHT APPLY TO EUROPE BUT NOT TO RELATIVELY SELF-SUFFICIENT U.S. I REMINDED THEM THAT IN OIL AS WELL AS OTHER ECONOMIC QUESTIONS U.S. HAD LONG CONSIDERED ECONOMIC HEALTH OF EUROPE A MATTER OF VITAL U.S. INTEREST.

3. JANUARY 8 BRITISH JOURNALIST IZARD (AP STRINGER) ASKED CONGRESSMAN SPENCE ABOUT BAHRAIN REACTION TO BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW. SPENCE SAID NEITHER AMIR NOR PRIME MINISTER HAD RAISED IT WITH HIM. IZARD SAID THAT INTERESTING SINCE MCNAIR WILSON AND LUCE HAD SEEN QATARI AMIR PREVIOUS DAY AND "HE HAD TALKED OF NOTHING ELSE."  
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